Seizure of smack by Delhi Police in Delhi

789. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the "Indian Express" of the 5th April, 1988 to the effect that Delhi Police has recovered 40 Kg. of smack valued over Rs. 40 crores in the international Market;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any arrests have been made in this connection;

(d) if so, what action has been taken by Government against the culprits; and

(e) what steps are being taken to check such types of crimes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One person was arrested in a case registered at the Police Station, Lajpat Nagar on the 28th March, 1988 and 4 Kgs. of herion was recovered from him. On the basis of further information disclosed by the accused, 36 Kgs. of heroin were recovered from some other persons on the 1st April, and the 4th April, 1988.

(c) and (d) In the three cases registered in this connection, 4 persons have been arrested.

(e) A constant watch is kept on the suspect and a close liaison is maintained with other enforcement agencies.

Increase in strength of para-military forces

790. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the strength of CRPF and BSF and some other para-military forces to meet the growing demand from the State Governments for more and more deployment of such forces in their respective States; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Government of India reviews from time to time the strength of para-military forces and, taking into account the need for Internal Security duties and border duties, augment their strength.

(b) A statement containing information is attached.

Statement

Increase in strength of para-military forces

1. CRPF; In the year 1985, Government sanctioned 12 additional Bns. including one Mahila Bn, and they became operational in 1986-87. Recently, the Government have sanctioned 10 more Bns., three of which will be raised in 1987-88 and the remaining 7 Bns. in 1988-89.

2. BSF; The Government sanctioned 54 additional Bns. in 1986 to be raised in a period of five years starting from 1986-87 for increasing vigilance on Indo-Pakistan and Indo-Bangladesh borders. Out of the 54 Bns., 18 Bns. have already become operational and the remaining 36 Bns will be raised in the remaining period of 3 years @ 12 Bns. per year.